



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,009-B1)

In the Application of: Rodgers et al.)
Serial No.: 09/658,315)
Filed: September 8, 2000)
For: Method of Promoting Erythropoiesis)
Examiner: A. Gupta
Art Unit: 1653

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 15, 2002

The applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2002.

AMENDMENTS -

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 31-33, 35-42 without prejudice to their filing in future applications.

Please insert new claim 53-59, and amend claims as follows. The marked-up version of all currently pending claims is provided in Appendix A.

43.(Amended) A method for augmenting erythropoiesis comprising contacting erythroid progenitor cells with an amount effective to augment erythropoiesis of at least one active agent comprising a sequence of at least three contiguous amino acids of groups R^1-R^8 in the sequence of general formula I

